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## News Release

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### **High Surf Warning issued for Kaua'i and Ni'ihau Jan. 11 to Jan. 12**

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a High Surf Warning for north- and west-facing shores of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau in effect Jan. 11 at midnight to Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. The warning may be extended, dropped, or modified as conditions develop.

The NWS forecasts north-facing surf rising 40 to 50 feet, and west-facing shores rising 25 to 30 feet. Due to the hazardous conditions, Ocean Safety Bureau officials advise no swimming at north- and west-facing shores during the High Surf Warning.

"We encourage people to stay well away from the water and visit other lifeguarded beaches such as Kealia Beach, Lydgate Beach Park, Poipu Beach Park, and Salt Pond Beach Park," said OSB Chief David Kalani Vierra. "Signs will be posted on Wednesday and into the weekend. Also, please check with lifeguards on current conditions."

Entering the water in these areas during the High Surf Warning is very hazardous and could cause serious injury or death. Beachgoers are also advised to use extreme caution, as large breaking waves could make it dangerous for those standing along the shoreline.

For updated information on ocean and weather alerts, visit the NWS website, [www.weather.gov/hfo](http://www.weather.gov/hfo).

For up-to-date information about Kaua'i ocean conditions and ocean safety, please speak to a county lifeguard at any lifeguard station, visit [www.hawaiibeachsafty.com](http://www.hawaiibeachsafty.com), or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 808-241-4984.

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